

ABSTRACT AMENDMENT

A hand-portable electronic device ~~comprising~~ including a memory for storing a security word as a predetermined sequence of characters; a rotator, having a tactile surface arranged for tactile actuation by a user, and mounted for rotation about an axis; feedback means separate from the rotator for providing feedback to a user as the rotator is rotated; conversion means for converting each rotation of a sequence of rotations of the rotator into a character of a corresponding ordered test sequence of characters; and verification means for verifying the test sequence of characters against the predetermined sequence of characters. A security method for a hand-portable electronic device ~~comprising~~ including a rotator, the method ~~comprising~~ including a user making an ordered sequence of rotations of the rotator; providing at the device, separately from the rotator, feedback to the user as the rotator is rotated during the ordered sequence of rotations; and verifying whether the ordered sequence of rotations made by the user corresponds to a predetermined ordered sequence of rotations.